

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/712,802
Reply to Office Action dated August 19, 2005

Remarks:

Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated August 19, 2005 and the references cited there. Claims 1-3 and 25-32 have been cancelled. Claims 7-24 are currently pending.

In the Action, it was indicated that the Specification needed to be updated to indicate the status of the parent application. The Specification has been so amended and includes the correct reference.

Claims 1-3 and 25-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sato. Claims 1-3 and 25-27 have now been cancelled. Applicants therefore assert that the rejection over Sato is moot.

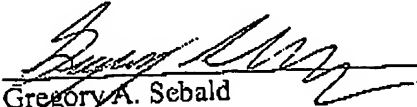
Claims 7-24 were allowed over the prior art of record. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

As the only pending claims have been allowed over the art of record, Applicants assert that the application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is thereby solicited. If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicant's representative at 612.336.4728.

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